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I hope you all have a great holiday, everyone.

Jamey, check out 316(b) below.

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Here's the short weekly update on the WA hydro dam permits for 12/20. I'm working briefly tomorrow morning, then off for two weeks and back on January 7. For dam issues while I'm gone, please feel free to talk with my WA dam permits comrade-in-arms, Martin. Happy Holidays!

Lower Columbia and Lower Snake River Dams

1. 401 cert extensions – We sent letters to Oregon and Washington on Friday, 12/13/18 granting them extensions on the 401 certs until February 1, 2019 as requested by Ecology.
2. Anna Wildeman briefing – We will need to coordinate on the timing and content for a briefing with Anna Wildeman on the permits, since she has requested a briefing before we go out for public comment. I will coordinate with Mike and others after the break.
3. 316(b) – On the rumor front, the Corps has heard that EPA HQ has determined that 316(b) applies. I have not heard a definitive answer yet on 316(b) from EPA HQ.
4. Permit development – I updated the permits to include PCB monitoring, removed temperature limits, and finished addressing comments from Ecology. I also added other miscellaneous, clarifying information and revised the permit and Fact Sheet. Courtney and Susan are reviewing, and we'll meet on Jan 7 to discuss revised permits. Martin and I will incorporate all changes in documents and do last fine-tuning to finalize a draft permit.
5. ESA Consultation – Alex Clayton is helping out with the BE for the Lower Columbia and Lower Snake River dams to complete species histories. Thanks, Alex!
6. Tribal Consultation – no updates
7. FOIA request to Corps on application materials and correspondence with EPA – An environmental consulting firm in Seattle submitted a FOIA request to the Corps on their permit applications materials and correspondence with EPA on the permits. It is unclear who the environmental consulting firm is working for, but the Corps believes it may be for PUDs who are submitted permit applications.

Grand Coulee - no updates

Overall

1. Internal communications – no updates this week
External communications – No updates this week
 - a. Tribes – no update
 - b. Services – no update

- c. Federal Caucus - no update
- d. BOR – I did not have a call with BOR on 12/20, because of potential changes to permit conditions on 316(b) and other issues. We will be talking after we brief EPA HQ.
- e. US Army Corps – We had some calls with the Corps to share information.
- f. Columbia Riverkeeper – no update
- g. Ecology – I'm in regular contact with Ecology on 401 certification and their comments on the permit.
ODEQ – no update
- h. BPA – no update

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